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18TH ANNUAL CONCORDIA CLASSIC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ST. MARY'S HUSKIES-LAURENTIAN VEES-CARLETON RAVENS-MCGILL MARTLETS WINNIPEG LADY WESMEN-UPEI PANTHERS-WILFRID LAURIER GOLDEN HAWKS CONCORDIA STINGERS

November 17–19 at the Loyola Gym. Three of last year's top eight teams, including National runner-up U.P.E.I., will take part in the tournament. The Panthers would have to be the pre-tournament favourite with three conference All-stars returning from last year's 12–2 team. Susan Knickle (5–8; Charlottetown, P.E.I.) and Stephanie Smith (5–9; Toronto, Ont.) may be one of the best backcourts in the C.I.A.U., while league-leading rebounder Paula Edwards (5–11; Toronto, Ont.) returns with her 10.3 rebounds/game average. "We hope to catch a lot of teams off guard," says coach Dave MacNeill. "Our team is small but likes to run and gun."

The Winnipeg Lady Wesmen are the defending champions of the Concordia Classic. They finished with an 11–1 record last season before advancing to the National Championship Tournament. All-Canadian **Tanya MacKenzie** (5–9; Enfield, N.S.) and conference **"Rookie of the Year" Michelle Jonasson** (6–2; Winnipeg, Man.) are two players to watch on the Wesmen. They will be joined by outstanding forward **Terri Martin** (6–0; Swift Current, Sask.), a member of the National Junior Team.

The O.W.I.A.A. East Division Champion Laurentian Vees (11-1) will be very strong this season. The Vees have a very impressive line-up led by conference all-stars **Shirlene**MacLean (5-8; Sudbury, Ont.) and **Chantal St. Martin** (6-3; Sudbury, Ont.).

The McGill Martlets are certain to improve on their 6-6 record from last year. They will be paced by All-Canadian **Tina Fasone** (5-9; Montreal, Que.) and conference All-star **Julie Rousseau** (6-1; Granby, Que.). Fasone averaged 16 points per game last year while Rousseau finished second in conference rebounding (7.8/game) and third in scoring (14.4/game).

Concordia is very optimistic that 1990 will be the year of the "Sting". Front and centre will be Q.S.S.F All-star **Sharron St. Croix** (5–10; Montreal, Que.) who led the team in scoring last season. She will have two six-footers to help in the rebounding department this year. Third-year forward **Suzie Czelnai** (6–0; Montreal, Que.), who averaged six rebounds per game last year, will be aided by **Isabelle Tetreault** (6–1; Montreal, Que.) in 1990. Tetreault, a member of the National Team, transferred from the University of Colorado and will be eligible after Christmas.

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks are improving every year under head coach Sue Lindley. They lost to Laurentian in the playoffs last year by a score of 68–61. The Hawks should improve on their 8–6 record from last year and may be the dark horse in the tournament.